AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1, 10, and 20; add new claims 24-26; and cancel claims 11-14; such that the status of the claims is as follows:

1. (Currently amended) A conduit racking device comprising:

a shelf with a plurality of alignment holes arranged in a spaced pattern ~~for receiving conduit~~, the alignment holes sized to receive electrical conduit and spaced at least about ¼ of an inch from each other to space the conduit; [[and]]

a brace connected to the shelf for attaching the conduit racking device to a building structure; and

a conduit spacer zone located on the shelf that spaces the plurality of alignment holes from the brace, the spacer zone having a width sized to space the electrical conduit from the building structure by at least about 3/4 of an inch.

2. (Original) The conduit racking device of claim 1, wherein the shelf and the brace are disposed at a ninety degree angle to each other.

3. (Original) The conduit racking device of claim 1, wherein both the brace and the shelf are formed from a unitary sheet of a rigid material.

4. (Original) The conduit racking device of claim 3, wherein the brace comprises an attachment sheet.

5. (Original) The conduit racking device of claim 1, wherein the shelf has conduit supports disposed at each of the plurality of alignment holes.

6. (Original) The conduit racking device of claim 5, wherein the conduit supports are rigid tabs that are deformable from a first position planar to the shelf and protruding into the alignment holes to a second position perpendicular to the shelf.

7. (Original) The conduit racking device of claim 1, wherein the brace has mounting apertures for receiving fasteners to mount the conduit racking device to the building structure.

8. (Original) The conduit racking device of claim 1, wherein the alignment holes are generally circular.

9. (Original) The conduit racking device of claim 1, wherein one or more of the alignment holes are sized to receive multiple sizes of conduit.

10. (Currently amended) ~~The conduit racking device of claim 1, wherein~~ A conduit racking device comprising:

a shelf with a plurality of alignment holes arranged in a spaced pattern for receiving conduit, wherein one or more of the alignment holes are sized to receive multiple sizes of conduit;

a plurality of centerline marking apertures [[are]] formed in the shelf adjacent to each of the one or more alignment holes sized to receive multiple sizes of conduit, wherein the plurality of centerline marking apertures are for drawing center lines on a flat building surface to locate center positions for conduit entry holes; and

a brace connected to the shelf for attaching the conduit racking device to a building structure.

11. (Canceled) A template for marking locations of entry holes for passage of conduit through a construction surface comprising:

a sheet; and

a plurality of circular marking holes formed in the sheet, the circular marking holes arranged in a spaced pattern with a minimum distance of at least approximately 1/4 of an inch between circular marking holes to space conduit, the circular marking holes having diameters corresponding to outside diameters of conduit.

12. (Canceled) The template of claim 11, wherein the circular marking holes all have the same diameter.

13. (Canceled) The template of claim 11, wherein a plurality of marking apertures are formed in the sheet adjacent to one or more of the plurality of circular marking holes, wherein the marking apertures are positioned to locate centers of one or more sizes of entry holes on the construction surface.

14. (Canceled) The template of claim 11 further comprising:

a brace connected to the template for attaching the template to a building structure.

15. (Original) A method for arranging conduit into a pattern of parallel spaced conduit comprising:

providing one or more conduit racking devices each having a shelf with a plurality of alignment holes for receiving conduit;

securing the one or more conduit racking devices to a building structure; and

placing conduit through one or more of the alignment holes in each of the one or more conduit racking devices.

16. (Original) The method of claim 15, wherein each conduit racking device is secured to the building structure before placing conduit through one or more of the plurality of alignment holes in each conduit racking device.

17. (Original) The method of claim 15 and further comprising:
securing the conduit to each conduit racking device.

18. (Original) The method of claim 15, wherein the plurality of alignment holes are arranged in a spaced pattern on the shelf of each conduit racking devices.

19. (Original) The method of claim 15 and further comprising:
using the plurality of alignment holes to mark the location of one or more conduit entry holes on a construction surface.

20. (Currently amended) The method of ~~claim 18~~ claim 19, wherein the construction surface is a surface on an electrical box.

21. (Original) A method for arranging conduit into a pattern of parallel-spaced conduit and marking the on a electrical box, the method comprising:
providing one or more conduit racking devices each having a shelf with a plurality of alignment holes for receiving conduit, wherein each alignment hole has a tab;
marking an electrical box with a conduit racking device with tabs bent to match the pattern of parallel-spaced conduit;
securing the one or more conduit racking devices to a building structure; and

placing conduit through one or more of the alignment holes in each of the one or more conduit racking devices and securing the conduit to the tabs.

22. (Original) The method of claim 21, wherein the one or more conduit racking devices are secured to the building structure prior to bending the tabs.

23. (Original) The method of claim 22 and further comprising removing one conduit racking device secured to the building structure and using the conduit racking device to mark the electrical box.

24. (New) The conduit racking device of claim 1, wherein the width of the spacer zone is sized to space the electrical conduit from the building structure by at least about $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches.

25. (New) The conduit racking device of claim 1, wherein the alignments holes are sized to generally hold the electrical conduit parallel to both each other and the building structure.

26. (New) The conduit racking device of claim 6, wherein each of the plurality of alignment holes has a single rigid tab.